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Letter dated 29 November 2006 from the permanent representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Benin seeks membership in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Benin is a party to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, as well as to the Organization of African Unity Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa.

The Republic of Benin hosts thousands of refugees in Africa, and its Government has never spared any efforts in providing them with assistance and protection under international law.

As an observer of the Permanent Committee since 2004, the Government of Benin believes that membership in the Executive Committee would afford it an opportunity better to contribute to the resolution of the problems of refugees in Africa and throughout the world.

(*Signed*) Jean-Marie **Ehouzou**
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